

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 10

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Devin James Conway on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Devin James Conway, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Whit and Kathy Conway, Devin is a sophomore at Seymour High School where he maintains a 4.0 grade point average, has earned letters in both football and track, and is an active member of the Beta Club and Future Business Leaders of America; and

WHEREAS, Devin has participated in numerous activities and organizations, including Junior Beta, Just Say No, Eagle Ensemble, Seymour Middle School Band, Eagle Watch, Freshman Chorus, Junior Author's Conference, National Geographic Society Geography Bee, Sevier County Academic Day, and Duke University's Talent Identification Program; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, he is a certified referee with the American Youth Soccer Organization and plays several musical instruments, including the piano, guitar, fiddle, mandolin, and saxophone; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Scouting Honor society, the Order of the Arrow, Devin is a member of Boy Scout Troop 585 and Venturing Crew 585, through which he has participated in National Youth Leadership Training and the Mile Swim, and completed the C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) course; and

WHEREAS, Devin's notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 585 includes 36 Merit Badges and distinguished service as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol

Leader, Troop Historian, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aide, and Program Vice President (Venturing); and

WHEREAS, Devin's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he built ten player benches for use at the soccer fields at the Seymour Community Park, first soliciting material donations from local businesses to construct a prototype bench, which was used for cash donation drives held at the soccer fields, and then coordinating volunteers from the community to complete the project, which required over 102 man-hours of work, including 34.5 hours worked by Devin alone; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful young man who plans to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, Mr. Conway evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Seymour; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Devin James Conway as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Devin James Conway on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.